

Environmental Impacts of Global Development Projects



Project Title	Environmental Impacts of Global Development Projects
Project Summary	Analyze environmental impacts of development projects in countries involved with the Belt and Road Initiative in order to inform best practices and provide lessons learned.
Country	United States

Project Description

China has been expanding its Belt and Road Initiative since 2013 with the intent to enhance economic development and inter-regional connectivity. The Belt and Road Initiative has a heavy focus on funding infrastructure development projects in other developing countries. Given that such Chinese development projects do not necessarily follow the environmental and social safeguards required by multilateral development banks, the environmental and social impact of such projects is currently known only anecdotally or entirely unknown.

This project will help research and analyze environmental impacts of development projects in countries involved with the Belt and Road Initiative. Data collected on development projects will help inform best practices, and provide lessons learned that can be applied to ongoing and future development projects. The intern will help create a database of international development projects in Belt and Road countries, draft policy papers in areas of interest, facilitate cooperation with multilateral institutions, create country-specific fact sheets, and complete other written research documents. This internship is perfect for students interested in the environmental impacts of international development and geopolitics of China's foreign relations.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Data analysis

Data visualization

Economic analysis

Research

Writing

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Chinese-Mandarin	No practical proficiency	No practical proficiency	Nice to Have